

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1257

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to commend Rita Ellison for her honorable and astute service as Sevier County Circuit Court Clerk.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those Tennesseans who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Rita Ellison is one such individual, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; after serving the people of Sevier County for nearly five decades, she is taking her well-deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary forty-seven-year tenure in the court system, Ms. Ellison has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, born on January 27, 1953, Rita Ellison is a 1971 graduate of Sevier County High School; she began working for District Attorney Al Schmutzer in 1975, when she was only twenty-two years old, serving as his administrative assistant for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, in June 1993, Ms. Ellison began serving as administrative assistant to Circuit Court Judge Rex Henry Ogle, in which capacity she served for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Rita Ellison was elected to serve as Circuit Court Clerk of Sevier County in 2006 and has been reelected to three additional terms in the years since, bringing her total years of service to sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ellison's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, she has enjoyed the love and support of her husband of forty-nine years, Gary Ellison; and

WHEREAS, Rita Ellison is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Rita Ellison for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Sevier County Circuit Court Clerk and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.